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Regarding: Charles O. Townley  
Serial No. 10/758,455  
Filing Date 01/15/2004  
Docket No. THUMB-604DIV  
For **MODULAR BASAL THUMB JOINT IMPLANT**

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

Attention: Group Art Unit 3738

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Please, in supplement to the Preliminary Amendment with Formal Drawings filed on January 15, 2004, amend the claims of the present specification as set forth in the CLAIMS AMENDMENTS section (page Nos. 2-6) that follows this introductory page.

Please accord this application **SPECIAL STATUS**, as requested by the copy of the Petition to Make Special filed Jan. 15, 2004.

Please approve of the FORMAL DRAWINGS filed with the noted Preliminary Amendment with Formal Drawings on January 15, 2004.

Without entry of new matter, the present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by the original and underlying specifications, including drawings. Hereby, in particular, claims 40 and 41 are presented. Claim 41 broadly requires, in a basal thumb joint implant, an improvement comprising head and stem modularity, and claim 42, in such an improved implant, an acutely angled stem. No known art is believed to anticipate these new claims. Note, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

Claims 21-41 are present, with 21 total, 3 independent, and 0 multiply dependent claims. Thus, the fee of \$25.00 (CJR check No. 734) required for the additional claim is submitted herewith.

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